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THE IRON HAND

WILY WRIGGLING.

"HONEST JOHN" THREATENS HIMSELF UPON THE DEMOCRATS.

A Decision on Emancipation to be Postponed Until After the Fifteenth of May.

Full Text of the Mysterious Document Signed by the Grannies of Europe.

A Young Lady Abducted and Clapped on an Iron Train.

A Mysterious Explosion by which one Death Ensues and Several are Wounded.

A Mild Mannered Young Man Worms Himself into the Confidence of Several New Yorkers.

Wade Hampton Enters Carolina in Triumph to-day.

AVE HAMPTON!

THE TRIBUTE OF EMANCIPATED FREEMEN.

How to Be Received with Sounds of Martial Music and the Cheers of a Noble Citizenship—Crowned with the People's Love and Embroidered with their Hearts.

WASHINGTON, April 5.—The family of Postmaster General Key will come to Washington. On this subject the Chattanooga Times, speaking of the postmaster general, says:

"His identity is Chattanooga, and the country in which his family are held will cause a protest so earnest and general that they would certainly yield, as he has a large family and splendid home here, it would not seem prudent to change. Mrs. Key has not

ought to adopt the measure he quoted in his speech from the speeches of leading "rebs" to him."

He will arrive here at 3 o'clock to-morrow afternoon and be received with appropriate ceremony.

The democratic state house and legislative hall are prettily decorated with evergreens.

Chamberlain's militia, it is stated, are preparing for the worst by storing arms and ammunition near the capitol.

The state of Virginia will pay \$2,500 apiece to the Hon. J. S. Black; the Hon. Jas. B. Beck and Governor Charles J. Jenkins, for services on the Maryland boundary commission, and also \$2,000 to the personal representatives of the Hon. Wm. A. Graham deceased. Like payments will probably be made by the state of Maryland to each party.

Up to the first day of this month the South Carolina railroad company transported 29,869 tons of fertilizers against \$3,867 tons in the corresponding period of the previous year. And it is believed that, owing to large accumulations in interior depots, the actual consumption is considerably less than the apparent consumption.

The civil service reform is working admirably. Elector Humphries, of Florida, is the last patriot that the administration has settled with. He becomes collector of customs at Pensacola. Mad. Wells is depending upon the disposition of some huge claims that are before the court of claims. Cowgill's turn must be next.

We regret to learn of the death of Mr. S. N. Broughton, the veteran editor of the Milledgeville Union and Recorder which occurred at his residence a few days ago. Mr. Broughton was one of the oldest editors in the state.

The attention of William Allen, who is supposed to wield the only national fog-horn in existence, is called to the attempt, chronicled in our telegraphic column, of a party of desperadoes to abduct a young lady from a railway train.

NEWSPAPER consolidations continue. The two evening papers of Wilmington, Delaware, were merged last Monday, resulting in a large and excellent paper that is giving general satisfaction.

CHAMBERLAIN will, in all probability, have to return to the north and take some new lessons in politics. He has been quite a success as a carpet-bagger, however.

In ordering the troops out of Columbia, Sherman addresses General Winfield S. Hancock. In the meantime, what has become of Roger?

OAKLEY HALL is safe and sound in London—unless, indeed, he has been interviewed by some enterprising materializer.

CHAMBERLAIN proposes to return to Columbia. He has probably left something valuable behind.

The full text of the eastern protocol is contained in our telegraphic columns.

The new congress will be convened on the fourth of June.

The Gwinnett Democrats.

At the meeting of the democratic executive committee of Gwinnett county, held in Lawrenceville, on the first Tuesday in April, there was present W. E. Simmons, proxy for N. L. Hutchins, T. D. Mathews, J. A. Hutchins, W. I. Woodward, J. O. Williams, H. W. Morris, J. W. Jones, T. J. Minor, J. P. Pool. The following resolutions were adopted:

Resolved, That a convention of the people of Gwinnett county be and the same is hereby called to assemble at the court house in Lawrenceville at 12 o'clock on the 1st of May next, for the purpose of appointing delegates to represent said county in the convention to be held for the 34th senatorial district, for the purpose of nominating candidates for the constitutional convention, provided such a convention be called.

Resolved, That we suggest Friday, May 4th, 1877, as the day for the assembling of said district convention, and Stone Mountain as the place for the meeting of the same.

Resolved, That we respectfully ask the people of the counties of DeKalb and Henry in the matter, to the end that there may be unity and harmony of action in the premises.

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THE GWINNETT HERALD AND A CONVENTION.

The editor of the Gwinnett Herald, under the caption of "That Two-Horse Performance," says that, in respect to the calling of a constitutional convention, "The Constitution is endeavoring to ride two horses, each going in opposite directions." In making this alarming statement, Colonel Peebles casually remarks, by way of illustration, that "Sam Stickney and Jim Robinson made world-wide reputations by riding four horses at a time." It would appear from this that the colonel has misunderstood these well-known equestrians as easily as he misundertands them. Poor Sam Stickney, who has just laid aside the cap and bells forever, earned his renown principally as a wearer of the motley garb of the jester, albeit he could, upon occasion, mount with great success the fiery steed, while James Robinson's reputation was based upon his skill as a bareback rider. These masters, of course, have little to do with the question at issue, but it seems more than probable that if the editor of the Herald is mistaken as to the performances of these well-known showmen, it may also be mistaken in its conclusions as to the position of the two Conventions. We think we shall be able to show Colonel Peebles that he is mistaken. Allude to the editors of this journal, he says:

"They insist that they are in favor of a convention that provided the capital is not removed to the old Rip Van Winkle town of Millidgeville, and the home-state is not reduced and impeded for debt is not re-established; but when a ladder from the piny woods issues upon the precipice the Thunderer exclaims, 'My love, don't say that, or we'll squelch the concern.'"

The editor of the Herald again confuses matters. A little while ago we quoted editorials from two of our state contemporaries—one of them the Millidgeville Rec rider—in which it was more than intimated that the voters in that section would vote for a convention merely as a means of carrying the capital to Millidgeville. In commenting upon these matters we warned the editors that if the question of removal was made the principal issue of the campaign, the people of North Georgia would be tempted to oppose a convention, and that the Constitution itself would not favor the movement. Fearing that these unnecessary and dangerous issues would be sprung, we counseled against discussion from the very first. We have made no threats to "squench the concern," but we have predicted that the eloquence of the professors of polemics, who persist in tearing silence to pieces with their loud-resounding and useless arguments, will have the effect of organizing opposition to a convention where none existed before. Colonel Peebles thus concludes his article:

Our neighbor opposes discussion of the important changes which the county demands, and insists that we should elect good men, and do our duty as a community or as a state. This is the only means of ascertaining the voice of the people is a full and free interchange of views upon changes needed. How are we represented to know what their people desire? If discussion is still insisted upon, this Constitution will answer the question which is asked us every day. What for? Unless there is some practical good to be accomplished, some great reform will which compensates the people for the outlay of \$2,000, then we confess that we should heartily oppose the convention.

Our Lawrenceville contemporary seems to labor under the impression that the convention is already called. This is a mistake. If it had been called by the legislature, then the discussion of these questions would not only not be out of place, but necessary and proper. But it has not been called. The people are to vote upon this question, and it is owing to this fact that the real friends of the movement think that the agitation of issues upon which public sentiment is known to be divided, is unwise and impolitic. Col. Peebles is too intelligent an editor, and too shrewd a politician, not to perceive that the discussion of such questions as the removal of the capital, the homestead clause, and the establishment of the whipping post is calculated to irritate indifference until it grows into opposition. Our attitude in regard to this matter is precisely similar to that of the Augusta Chronicle, and we believe that its editor has returned, will agree with us in depreciating the dangerous discussion that now fills the air. The changes that are needed in our fundamental law are well known to every intelligent Georgian; no argument can further establish the knowledge of their necessity. They have been discussed in the newspapers time and time again. The desire of the Constitution was to prevent the irritation of a heated campaign in order that there might be no doubt of a majority for the convention, particularly as the people will have an opportunity of either rejecting or ratifying the work of that body. As to the inquiry of Col. Peebles why we favor a convention, we have neither the time nor the space to answer in detail. One of the principal reasons is that we desire to have a constitution made by the people of Georgia—a constitution that has not been revised by the federal congress. Finally, in the words of the Athens Georgian, "We desire to enter our earnest protest against all these absurd documents for a convention. Let the master be treated as it should be, as a grand proposition of public policy, to be decided solely upon statesmanlike grounds and with exalted public motives."

"It is stated," says the New York Herald, "on good authority that the Savannah steamers and the Georgia Central railroad will commence cutting down rates of freight, and inaugurate a freight war against the Charleston steamers, the Atlantic coast line railroads, the Old Dominion steamship company and Tennessee railroad some time next week. The fight promises to be a lively one, and ships will be put on to take all freight that may be offered rates that shippers will not grumble at. This movement is a set off to the meeting of a majority of the coast lines which was held on Monday."

HISTORICAL MATERIAL.

COTTON MANUFACTURING.

FACT AND COMMENT.

The Constitutional Convention—Who Shall Represent the People?

Considerable progress has been made towards perpetuating a military history of the late struggle between the states. We use the word "perpetuating" because all the work thus far has had prominently in view the placing of the records beyond accidental destruction, and not compilation. The present work is preliminary to the latter. To secure the former and facilitate the latter it was early decided to print a few proof sheets of each document. The advantages of this arrangement are manifest. In the first place, most of the records are of a very perishable character as regards the material upon which they are written, and being in daily use their ultimate destruction, unless reproduced, becomes merely a question of time. Again, these records, as before stated, are stored in buildings ill provided with devices for preventing fire and extinguishing it, and any destruction of papers would be irreparable. But by multiplication they might be so distributed as to prevent their destruction by any conceivable combination of circumstances. Experience also showed that the work of compilation could be much more speedily and accurately carried on, and the arrangement of the papers in an historical form made much more satisfactory and complete, by the person designated for that purpose, by using printed instead of manuscript copy. It is also claimed that aside from the expense of printing it is less expensive than simple copying whereas in this case the work must be duplicated for compilation.

From one-third to one-half of this preliminary work has been accomplished. It is a work such as has never yet been undertaken by any nation, in connection with preserving an accurate history of its military campaigns. When completed it will comprise double a hundred volumes, averaging five hundred pages. If the work of various staff corps is added to that of the purely military operations it will probably reach one hundred and fifty volumes.

No distinction has been made between the treatment of the federal and confederate records, and the department, on account of the incompleteness of the latter, has used more strenuous exertions to complete those records by purchase from parties holding them, and by correspondence and advertising, that it had as regards those of the union armies, which were themselves very complete. Probably the Southern Historical Society of Richmond, Va., have, outside of the general state governments, the most valuable collection of confederate records in existence. Early in the year 1876, the secretary of war, having had his attention called to the incompleteness of the confederate records, and to the existence in different sections of the country of many valuable papers relating to the war, and believing that all those engaged in the struggle, on either side, would feel an interest in making the work national in its character, as complete as practicable, announced publicly the fact of their incompleteness and of their compilation under the authority of congress. The Enquirer prefaces the estimate with the remark that two pounds in the bale as loss in sampling, waste and stealing is too large for the south. Experienced factors without exception report that in sending cotton to the north the loss in sampling, waste and stealing averages five dollars a bale—another important difference in favor of the south. We give the estimate.

Comparative advantages for the manufacture of cotton of a mill in Columbus, Ga., and a mill in the interior of New England, manufacturing (each) say forty bales of cotton per year.

COST OF THE NEW ENGLAND MILL.

Say 100 lbs of cotton, average

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